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SENATE BILL 411

By Stevens

AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 2, relative to nonpartisan elections.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE:

SECTION 1. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 2-13-203, is amended by deleting subsection (e) and substituting instead the following:

(e) Notwithstanding any provision of this section, in any county having a population in excess of five hundred thousand (500,000), according to the 2010 federal census or any subsequent federal census, all elections for state trial court judgeships and county judicial offices shall be conducted in a nonpartisan manner. In any such election, the incumbent officeholder shall be listed first on the election ballot if the incumbent qualifies for the election, notwithstanding § 2-5-208.

SECTION 2. This act shall take effect January 1, 2021, the public welfare requiring it.